



# CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

October 8, 2002

## **S. 2670**

### **Wildfire Prevention Act of 2002**

*As reported by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources  
on October 8, 2002*

#### **SUMMARY**

CBO estimates that implementing S. 2670 would cost \$2 million in 2003 and \$58 million over the next five years, assuming appropriation of the authorized amounts. The bill would not affect direct spending or revenues. S. 2670 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA) and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

S. 2670 would authorize the appropriation of \$15 million a year for the Secretary of Agriculture to establish and provide financial and technical assistance to three research institutes. Those institutes would focus on the role of adaptive ecosystem management in reducing the risk of wildfires. The bill would direct the Secretary to use information and expertise provided by the proposed institutes and would require her to evaluate their programs and activities every five years.

#### **ESTIMATED COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT**

For this estimate, CBO assumes that S. 2670 will be enacted early in fiscal year 2003 and that the authorized amounts will be provided as specified in the bill. Estimates of outlays are based on information from the Forest Service and historical spending patterns for similar activities. The estimated budgetary impact of S. 2670 is shown in the following table. The costs of this legislation fall within budget function 300 (natural resources and environment).

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	By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars				
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
<b>CHANGES IN SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION</b>					
Authorization Level	15	15	15	15	15
Estimated Outlays	2	8	13	16	19

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**INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT**

S. 2670 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in UMRA and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

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